

MEDIA ADVISORY

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DCR SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETING TO PRESENT DESIGN FOR REHABILITATION OF THE MYSTIC VALLEY PARKWAY BRIDGE IN SOMERVILLE

WHAT: The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has scheduled a public meeting on Wednesday, March 4, to present the design for the rehabilitation of the Mystic Valley Parkway Bridge, which crosses Alewife Brook in Somerville. The work, scheduled to begin in May, is part of Governor Patrick's Accelerated Bridge Program.

Upholding his pledge to quickly repair the Commonwealth's most neglected bridges, Governor Patrick last August signed a bridge bond bill that committed \$3 billion to repair and replace 250 Massachusetts bridges identified as structurally deficient. Of that amount, DCR is overseeing \$906 million to repair or replace 29 agency bridges and do preservation work on 50 more.

Over the next several years, the Accelerated Bridge Program will ensure public safety by funding repair work for bridges in the most urgent need of repair and will create thousands of engineering and construction jobs. The project will save the state an estimated \$1.5 billion in inflation and deferred-maintenance costs.

To learn more about the Accelerated Bridge Program, visit www.mass.gov/acceleratedbridges.

To learn more about DCR projects, visit www.mass.gov/dcr/projects.

WHEN: Wednesday
March 4, 2009
6:00-7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Visiting Nurse Assisted Living Community
3rd Floor Community Room
259 Lowell Street
Somerville

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